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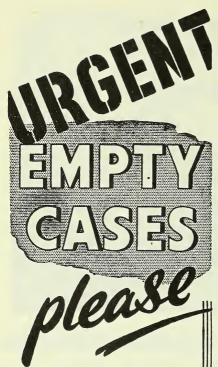
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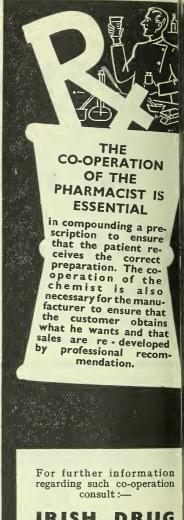
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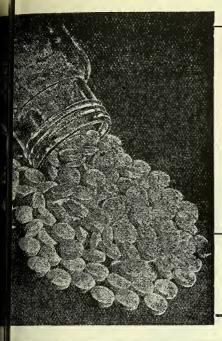
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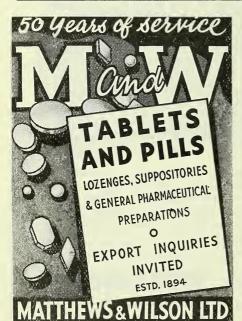
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

A. W. and Sentenced Scientist.—The sso ion of Scientific Workers has called or a duction of the "extremely harsh" enter of ten years' penal servitude asso on Dr. Alan Nunn May for an fifer under the Official Secrets Act. Dr. lay d been engaged on atomic research. Pe illin Prices.—From June 1, under istration arrangements announced reent by the Ministry of Supply (C. & $D_{\cdot,\cdot}$ lay, p. 586), the free issue of penicillin y. Ministry through the hospital yste will cease. From that date supplies how be obtained from the usual suppliers f s i products. Initially, most of the eni in will be in the form of dried ent in will be in the form of dried ow, packed in vials or ampoules conain 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0 mega units, and eximum retail prices of these packs will 2s. 9d., 4s. 9d., 1os. 6d., and 2os. ively. Penicillin will also be available an oil-wax suspension for injection. The prescriptions of registered in the prescriptions of registered. isp sing the prescriptions of registered land dental practitioners. Should ny fficulty be experienced in obtaining supplies, advice may be sought from the Ministry of Supply, Penicillin Production Control, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1 (Telephone: Abbey 7788, Ext. 403).

Selection Committee on Camera Design .-Selection of the scientific instruments and cameras to be shown at the "Britain Can Make It "Exhibition (see C. & D., March 2, p. 277) will be made by the following committee appointed by the Council of Industrial Design: Dr. H. R. Calvert (assistant keeper in the Department of Astronomy, Mathematics, Optics and Chemistry at the Science Museum, South Kensington); Mr. A. J. Philpott, O.B.E. (director, British Scientific Instrument Research Association), and Mr. Alfred Whitaker (research director, Nash & Thompson, Ltd). Mr. J. Beresford Evans, a member of the Council's staff, will act as Manufacturers who have not secretary. already communicated with the Council about suggested exhibits for the Exhibition should write without delay to the Council of Industrial Design, Tilbury House, Petty France, London, S.W.1. D

Death in Gas-mask.—Recently, Richard Whibley, Cliffe, nr. Rochester, Kent, described as an apprentice to a chemist, was found dead in bed wearing a civilian-type respirator.

Warehouse Destroyed by Fire.—The warehouse of Thomas Reid & Sons, Ltd., soapmakers and manufacturing chemists, 410 Scotland Street, Glasgow, was destroyed by fire on May 7.

Wine Licence.—A licence to retail wines, limited by an undertaking to sell only medicated brands, has been granted to Mr. A. E. Stone, M.P.S., Market Buildings, Ryhill, nr. Wakefield, Yorks.

Dundee Burglary.—Police tackled recently an early morning intruder at the shop of Mr. R. G. Mackenzie, M.P.S., I Alpin Road, Dundee. The thief succeeded in escaping with a sum of money.

Rota for Pontypool?—Pontypool, Mon, chemists, at a recent meeting, decided in favour of revising their closing hours in co-operation with local doctors, and of instituting a rota system for dispensing urgent prescriptions.

Purchase Tax Exemption.—Batteries specially designed for high-tension supply for deaf aid appliances are exempted from purchase tax under The Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1946, operative from May 20.

Pharmacy as a Career.—Advice on pharmacy as a career will be given at a meeting to be held in June at the High School, Glasgow. The meeting is one of a series of "Careers meetings" organised by the Glasgow Careers Council.

£2,000,000 for Chemical Plant.—Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., plans to spend approximately £2,000,000 on developing its pharmaceutical and dyestuffs plant at Grangemouth, Stirlingshire. A further 650 people will be employed.

Hints to Business Men.—An additional pamphlet has been issued by the Department of Overseas Trade in the series "Hints To Business Men." It relates to India, Burma and Ceylon. Copies may be obtained on application to the Department at Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.T.

Torquay Branch Officers.—At the annual meeting of the Torquay Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held recently, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. H. Holmes; Vice-chairman, Mr. E. J.

Bowerman; Treasurer, Mr. W. H. V att Joint Secretaries, Messrs. T. D. Eva and W. F. Byatt-Smith.

Birkenhead Outing.—A visit to Bla is planned for the annual outing on J of the Birkenhead and Wirral Pharm Association. The price of tickets, what limited, is 25s., inclusive of meals, and bers wishing to join should apply as spossible to Mr. J. W. Waterworth secretary), 224 Bebington Road, Ferry, Birkenhead.

Liverpool Hospital Pharmacists. The Liverpool medical officer of health ha establishment of pharmacists in the type stablishment of pharmacists in the type hospitals. The engagement as pharmacists at Walton Hospital, Liverpool, of Nathornley, M.P.S., who reached the internative last year, has been extend a further period of six months.

Scottish Pharmaceuticals for Ch Pharmaceutical and biological prepara and fine and heavy chemicals, were a goods stated to be required in a inquiry from China to the Edin chamber of Commerce and Manufac At the same time products from were offered including tung oil, bota and crude drugs, and hog bristles.

Long Service Award.—Upon the occ of her retirement after many year on escretarial duties in the offices of ay Brothers, Ltd., Stockport, Miss lie Garner has been presented by the chai of the company (Colonel J. C. H. Cros with a substantial cheque in recognition her long and devoted service. (er presentations were made to Miss G er by her colleagues.

Manchester Golf Season Opens.— 18
Manchester Golfing Society opened ts
season at Ringway Golf Club on May { A
competition for a prize presented by H6 h,
Hoseason & Co., Ltd., was played unde le
Stableford system. The leading ret ls
were: J. Taylor (37), R. Demaine).
The secretary of the society is Mr. W. Phillipson, I Ruthin Avenue, Alkring 1,
Middleton, Manchester.

Northern Ireland Closing Regulation Chemists' shops in Northern Ireland required to close on one afternoon in howeek from one o'clock and all day a Sundays under the Shops Act (Northal Ireland), 1946, which came into operation on May I. The Ulster Chemists' Association and the state of the public to find out the line of the state of the stat May

am Pharmaceutical Officers.—At the meeting of the Durham County of the Pharmaceutical Society held the following officers were appoint the President, Mr. T. Melrose, jun.; Vice sident, Mr. W. Hindson; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Nich and the Auditors, Messrs. J. Banner and the hardson; Representatives for content of the Messrs. T. Melrose, jun., and W. Low ith Mr. J. A. Nichols as deputy.

Pet illin Demonstrations for Chemists.—
Demonstrations of the dispensing of penie to be given at the Durham County
il, Durham City, by Mr. W. A.
(pharmacist), commencing on May
nree separate sessions will be held
esday, Wednesday, and Thursday
ever;
shor phone Mr. J. A. Nichols (secretary,
n Branch, Pharmaceutical Society
telein ne: Consett 132) stating day and
eferred.

Claists' Dramatic Society.—The Chemsts' ramatic Society (of Eire) held an nau ral "At Home" in Dublin recently. The present included Messrs. M. Costelloe pre ent of the Irish Druggists' Association P. C. Cahill, D. J. Nugent, W. R. Suc T. O'Keefe, Seamus Fox (chairman, Stutes). Officers of the Society are: Chairman, Mr. M. Murphy; Vice-chairman, Mr. Ward; Secretary, Mr. M. G. Power; Tree rer, Mr. F. F. Redmond.

N h London Penicillin Courses.—The Metropolitan Branch of the Pharmaceu I Society has arranged for courses on spensing of penicillin to be held on lays at the Royal Northern Hospital, and at the Prince of Wales Hospital, and at the Prince of Wales Hospital, tham, London, N.15 (from 4.30 Each course will consist of one than lour period comprising a lecture and cal work. The charge is 5s. and need or wishing to attend are advised to write as soon as possible to Mr. A. E. Got t (secretary) stating the centre choice.

ries Under N.H.S.—Mr. W. J. Tristman of the Joint Committee on the National Health Service) showed ained optimism about remuneration for chemists under the National a Service when speaking at the annual and of the Nottingham Branch of the naccutical Society recently. In reply

to questions, he considered that the provision of dispensaries in health centres would be retarded by shortage of pharmacists, and that more attractive salaries in pharmacies and health centres would have to be offered to secure staff. He claimed that retail pharmacy was quite capable of providing the new service, and that the great majority of pharmacies could adapt themselves to the increased dispensing. He maintained that there should be payment for attendance outside normal business hours.

Golf Trophy Meeting .- The Irish Chemists' Golfing Society held its first outing of the season at the Hermitage Golf Club, Lucan, co. Dublin, on April 28, when there was competition for trophies presented by St. Dalmas (Ireland), Ltd., Coty, Ltd., and Allen & Hanburys, Ltd. In the morning eighteen-holes strokes competition the winner was Mr. M. L. Cashman (16), 68, Mr. T. J. Lynch (8), 74, being runner-up. In the afternoon nine-holes bogey game the winner was Mr. P. McAuliffe (14), all square, the second prize going to Mr. Cashman (14), also all square. At supper later Mr. A. W. Hughes (captain) said he was especially pleased to see so many new members. The captain presented the prizes, and thanks to the donors of prizes was passed on the motion of Mr. Cashman, seconded by Mr. Lynch. Mr. W. F. M. Keys responded. The next outing will be on May 22.

PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

THE result of the election for seven seats on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, for which there were sixteen candidates, was as follows:—

TRISTRAM, William John	4887
MAPLETHORPE, Cyril Wheatley	4614
IRVINE, Jean Kennedy	3946
SHAW, Granville	3544
Islip, Mary Cater	3462
Davis, Charles	3406
Reid, Thomas	3398

The above are elected.

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3139
2833
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THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

By a Member of the Press Gallery, House of Commons

THE National Health Service Bill received its second reading in the House of Commons on May 2, when an Opposition motion for its rejection was lost by 172 votes to 395.

For the detailed consideration and examination of the Bill, the following Standing Committee of the House of Commons has been set up :-

CHAIRMAN: Mr. F. G. Bowles (Lab.), solicitor (son of an analytical chemist).

Mr. A. Balfour (Lab.), a railway station foreman, and a member of the National Executive, National Union of Railwaymen. Mr. Norman Bower (Con.), barrister-at-law (Inner Temple).

Mr. T. J. Brown, M.B.E. (Lab.), a miners'

M.P.

Mr. A. Gilzean (Lab.), a member of Edin-

burgh City Council. Lieutenant William Griffiths (Lab.), a consulting ophthalmic optician.

Mr. John Haire (Lab.), a schoolmaster.
Mr. D. L. Lipson (Ind.), former headmaster
of Corinth College, Cheltenham.
Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth (Con.), barrister-at-

Commander J. W. Maitland, R.N. (Con.). Captain Arthur Marsden, R.N. (Con.).

Mr. A. Moyle (Lab.), a member of Rushcliffe Committee on Nurses' Conditions and Salaries.

Mr. E. Popplewell (Lab.), a railway signalman.

Major David Renton (Lib. Nat.), barristerat-law.

Mrs. N. Ridealgh (Lab.), National President, 1941-42, of the Co-operative Women's

Guild. Mr. Goronwy Roberts (Lab.), a member of the Court of Governors, University College

of Wales.

Dr. Barnet Stross (Lab.), medical adviser to the National Society of Pottery Workers and to the North Staffs Miners' Federation.

Sir Harold Webbe (Con.), Leader of the London County Council Municipal Reform Party since 1937.

The above are the nucleus members of the permanent Standing Committee. The following are members who have been added for the Health Bill itself :-

Mrs. E. M. Braddock (Lab.), a member of Liverpool City Council, 1930.

Dr. L. Comyns (Lab.).

Dr. Richard Clitherow (Lab.), a pharmacist. Mr. Edward Evans (Lab.), a past-chairman of the College of Teachers of the Blind and of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. Gage (Con.), formerly Deputy Judge Advocate General with the Canadian Forces in Belgium.

Commander T. D. Galbraith (Con.) chi tered accountant.

Mr. Somerville Hastings (Lab.), c ulled aural surgeon to the Middlesex Hc Mr. J. H. Hoy (Lab.), an interior d range Mr. H. N. Linstead (Con.), secretar of Pharmaceutical Society of Great E air Mr. H. G. McGhee (Lab.), a dentist.

Mr. F. Messer (Lab.), an alderman of id

sex County Council, member of the Burning ham Committee of the National for the Blind, and of the executive of the County Councils Association Mrs. L. Middleton (Lab.), a teach

fessor and lecturer.

Dr. H. B. W. Morgan (Lab.), chief adviser to the Union of Post Office ker adviser to the Union of Post Office ker Mr. R. Hopkin Morris (Lib.), barrister dates Sir Henry Morris-Jones (Lib. Nat.), cc illustration to the West Depth State West Dent she physician to the

Hospital. Mr. P. Piratin (Communist), a

worker. Mr. J. Rankin (Lab.), a teacher.

J. S. C. Reid (Con.), former Sait and General for Scotland.

Mr. J. W. Snow (Lab.), Vice-Chambe in H. M. Household, 1945.
Mr. J. A. Sparkes (Lab.), a clerk in the Western Railway, and member o. clerk

Western Range,
Borough Council.
Colonel M. Stoddart, Scott, O.B.E. d. (Con.)
Assistant Director of line

Services, 48th Division, 1942-45.
Mr. Henry Strauss (Con.), Joint Par tary Secretary, 1942-43, of the 1 str of Works and Planning.

Dr. Stephen Taylor (Lab.), editor of " lice Planning Research."

Mr. S. Tiffany (Lab.), a director of sed

Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd. Sir Wavell Wakefield (Con.), a phar ist Member of the executive com National Union of Manufacturers. mentary Private Secretary to

Ministers, 1936-45. Mr. J. L. Williams (Lab.), a journalis and member of Glasgow Corporation. Mr. H. U. Willink (Con.), a former Min rot

Health. Mr. A. Bevan (Lab.), Minister of Healt

Medical Requirements in Short Supply

Liquid paraffin and supply of ay valves were the subject of questions is the Commons on May 6. WING-COMMA ER ROBINSON asked the Minister of Soly whether he had now completed his in tigation of the channels of distribution liquid paraffin; and what steps he posed to take to overcome the print shortage of supplies to retail chet S. MR. WILMOT replied that the investig In

yet complete. "We do not expect to be le to complete the detailed investigation. until after Whitsun."

CO VEL STODDART-SCOTT asked the of Supply if he was aware that there are the terms as a shortage of rectifying valves for the terms as the terms are the terms. there is a shortage of rectifying valves for ray therapy apparatus; that the was aggravated by exports of too percentage of the valves made in ntry; and if he would ensure that ratus needed for the treatment of was allowed to stand idle for that and the was allowed to stand idle for that was allowed to stand idle for that of any general shortage of the though there was difficulty in greplacements for apparatus of manufacture. Only types of there was a sufficient supply were sported.

M. Belcher (Parliamentary Secretary) and a questioner that an increase in

nfor d a questioner that an increase in he i e of deaf-aid batteries was the first ince fore the war, though there had been nore s in the prices of torch and wireless att s. He had asked the Central Price Regulion Committee to make inquiries.

eni in Distribution Policy

D CLITHEROW asked the Minister of cup on May 10, in view of the announced ow ment policy of making penicillin vai le on prescription to the general sa and from June 1, what consultation e had had with the Pharmaceutical of Great Britain over this imoci of Great Britain over this im-ort question; if he was aware that he ms of the Order, made under the left a Regulations prescribing the conpet e Regulations prescribing the conitic of sale, had not been made known
to Pharmaceutical Society; and why
the atter had been decided and given
by without the professional organisaion ost concerned in the distribution of
this roduct, particularly for National
dispensing, being informed.

T JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
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I Society are taking place. No l Order has so far been made.

CLITHEROW: Is the Minister aware o consultations took place with the accutical Society at the time the number of the land will be see that in future organisations are contacted in the stance?

LEONARD: The first task was to the channels through which penillili will flow from the factories to the

initial distributors. So soon as matters were sufficiently far advanced to make such arrangements desirable, a meeting took place. That was on May 8; a further meeting will take place to-day (May 10).

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Forthcoming Questions

Mr. George Wallace is to ask the Minister of Agriculture if he is in a position to announce a scheme for the co-operative purchase of fertilisers.

Mr. Henderson Stewart will ask the Minister of Agriculture what steps are being taken to make penicillin available to veterinary surgeons, in view of the wide demand and urgent need of its application for animal diseases.

Mr. WILLIAM SHEPHERD has tabled a question to the Minister of Food, asking if he will not make it obligatory for persons requiring further supplies of orange juice and cod-liver oil under his Department's scheme to return the empty bottle and so help the acute shortage which exists at the present time.

Mr. Shepherd will also ask the President of the Board of Trade what steps he is taking to reduce the present export rate of empty bottles of over 20,000 gross monthly, in view of the acute shortage that is being experienced in Britain at present.

Major Symonds will ask the Minister of Labour how many more ophthalmic lens workers have been offered Class B release since May 7.

Amendment to Health Bill

When The National Health Bill entered the Standing Committee of the House on May 14, an Opposition amendment was moved to insert details of organisations to be represented on the Standing Advisory Committees which are to be set up for the purpose of advising the Central Health Services Council. The amendment sought to provide that the Committees should be constituted of representatives of the hospital and specialist services, the general medical services, the dental services, the nursing services, the pharmaceutical services and such others as might be specified.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan refused the amendment, saying it would tie the hands of the Government. He mentioned that, in the Midwives Act, there were definite instructions as to the composition of the Central Council for Midwives. It was later discovered that they could only be varied by an amending Act of Parliament. not wish this Bill to be so rigid.

The amendment was negatived.

COMPANY NEWS

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H., and Iris J. E. Hastrop, directors.
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ANGLO-AMERICAN COSMETIC LABORATORIES, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. Dealers in cosmetics, drugs, etc. Directors to be appointed. Solicitors: Warren, Murton & Co., 45 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.I.

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Dalcrose Perfumery Co., Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £100. Chemists and druggists, soap manufacturers, etc. Harry W. K., and Kate I. Pears, directors. R.O.: 2 Hove Park Villas, Hove.

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HODDERS, LTD.—Payment of a di on the ordinary share capital at the 16\frac{2}{3} per cent. for the year has been an mended, together with a special cen bonus of 8\frac{1}{3} per cent., both less incom ar

AYRTON, SAUNDERS & Co., I — Directors' report for the year lat December 31, 1945, states that b available is £13,340 out of which a div m is recommended of 10 per cent., less in tax, on the ordinary share capital, k £10,669 to be carried forward. The retiring director (Mr. F. Twells) offers reself for re-election.

Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd.—Mr. S. Hibbins has been appointed to the F. d.

ACES SURGICAL SUPPLIES, LTD., Mar ster.—Mr. O. Hirsch, production mar sthas been appointed a director.

BUSH, BEACH & GENT, LTD.—Mr. F Sprange, who has been with the com we for about twenty-four years, and Mr. I w. Mason, have been appointed directors

THE BRITISH DRUG HOUSES, L Commander Sir Hugh Trevor Day Bart., R.N., and Mr. Geoffrey Eley, been appointed directors

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

ep-(ure Penicillin

At a me when many of us were growing little ired of reading about penicillin, at le "Birth of an Industry" (pp. 1985) has effectively revived interest in some interest in state and the information in the same we up the balance of an up-to-date mpt turn that will be useful for reference, ew of your readers had, I suppose, the a of the scale on which penicillin now ing manufactured in Great Britain. He will device circulation of The Chemist to I oggist is a means of bringing news this otable British enterprise to trade told here it might otherwise remain that a Research workers in the laboraties sited by a member of your staffe, it ill be seen, continuously engaged in envestigations. We may infer that

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th Council Table

Tw items in your report of the latest on transport of the Pharmaceutical cics. Council (both on p. 599) are of one an ordinary interest. One item is exerce to a stupid remark in the ress attributing the non-adoption the netric system in this country to the period of pharmacists. The metric has been legalised in Great Britain ich recent times—in 1864 and in 1897. The publicity for a correction of the sement referred to. May I raise the point that in all such cases the conshould be given as much prominted the error? We seem to have heard a ublic relations officer who may be per d to deal with these matters. My given is that he, or someone deputed

by him, should be able to obtain promptly from the secretaries of the Pharmaceutical Society and the National Pharmaceutical Union a letter, signed jointly by them, refuting any such random guesses by uninformed persons. The other item in your report of the same meeting is the treasurer's comment on the cost of the Society's College and of its new headquarters. The view that "possibly the Council might consider the wisdom or otherwise of continuing the School" has been put forward more than once in your columns, though this is the first time, I believe, that it has found admission to a treasurer's report. As to the estimate or assumption that the cost of the new building in Brunswick Square will be about £500,000, many members of the Society and others can remember the sensation caused by an article in your issue of September 15, 1934, giving the total cost of the structure and its site as £257,000.

Five Anniversaries

The week ending on May 18 contains several anniversaries of births and deaths traceable in books of reference. Five of these merit attention here. Two distinguished botanists, one of the eighteenth century and the other of the nineteenth, died on May 16. Daniel Charles Solander, regarded as the favourite pupil of Linnæus, held two appointments at the British Museum at different times, and in the interval was a member of an expedition to the Antarctic. His name is handed down in a case for botanical specimens and in the genus Solandra. He died in 1782. John Stevens Henslow was Professor of Botany at Cambridge University from 1827 till his death in 1861. One of his students was Charles Darwin, whom he recommended for a post on the scientific staff of the Beagle. thus giving the young naturalist a helping hand on his path to fame. Henslow examined in botany for the University of London. On May 17, 1749, Edward Jenner was born; and on May 17, 1801, William Heberden died. Heberden is remembered in pharmacy by his "ink," mistura ferri aromatica, a preparation retained in the British Pharmacopæia till Fame of a different kind is attached to the name of Samuel Jessup of Heckington, who died on May 17, 1817. At a trial in which he was concerned it was stated that in twenty-one years he had taken 226,934 pills, apart from other items.

BIRTH

STARK.—On May 5, Megan, the wife of Alexander Stark, M.P.S., 35 Ferguson Avenue, Renfrew, of a son.

MARRIAGE

CAMERON—TAYLOR.—In Aberdeen, on April 22, George Scott Cameron, M.P.S., youngest son of the late Mr. John Cameron, M.P.S., 17 Percival Road, Inverness, to Isabella Taylor, Tarves, Aberdeenshire.

DEATHS

Foggo.—At Southport, on May 5, Mr. James Douglas Foggo, M.P.S., 11 Sunny Road, Southport. Mr. Foggo qualified in 1907. He was manager of the branch of Boots', Ltd., at Lord Street, Southport.

KIRKPATRICK.—Recently, Mr. Alexander Kirkpatrick, Red House, Cloughey, co. Down, brother of Mr. D. L. Kirkpatrick (secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland).

MacLeod.—On May 5, Mr. J. D. MacLeod, M.P.S., 104 Main Street, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, formerly of Apothecary Hall, Kilwinning. Mr. MacLeod qualified in 1901. He was an original member of the Ayrshire Pharmaceutical Committee, from which he retired about ten years ago on account of ill health.

MILLING.—At Wallasey, recently, Mr. J. Milling, M.P.S., proprietor of John McGuffie & Co., Ltd., chemists, Castle



Street, Liverpool, and of Castellan cough mixture and other proprietaries. Mr. Milling first became associated with the business of McGuffie & Co. in 1919, after being in business for some years at Chester. An account of this old-established business appeared in the C. & D. (1934. I. 562). The funeral, at Rake

Lane cemetery, Wallasey, was attended by many local chemists. The Liverpool Chemists' Association was represented by Mr. A. E. Briggs and Mr. W. J. Tristram (who also represented the Chemists' Friends Association), and Mr. John Prichard was present for John Thompson (1921), Ltd., wholesale chemists, Liverpool.

FAULKNER.—At Willesden Genera pital, London, N.W., on May 3, Mr. Herbert Faulkner, M.P.S., 43 St. Mar Avenue, South Harrow, aged six Mr. Faulkner was in business at Al Road, Upper Holloway, before taking an appointment at the Brompton Ho in the pharmaceutical department of the was employed for twenty-nine prior to his retirement in 1943.

RAY.—On January 11, Mr. Wheatcroft Ray, Ph.C., 5 Victoria Seel Felixstowe, Suffolk. Mr. Ray qualif a chemist and druggist in 1893 and 1 the Pharmaceutical Chemist examined the following year.

Snow.—On April 18, Mr. Leonard 1 do Snow, M.P.S., 1c Elphinstone ad Hastings, aged seventy-two.

THOMPSON.—At a nursing hom Edinburgh, on May 4, Mr. Robert Thompson 4 Raeburn Place, Edinburgh, seventy-three. Mr. Thompson qualif as a chemist in 1900.

WILLIAMS.—At Awelfrin, Cricciet on April 30, Mr. David Edward Wil ns M.P.S., Temple Street, Llandrindod 'lls aged thirty-seven.

Young.—On April 17, Mr. G g Atkinson Young, M.P.S., 201 King S et Hoyland, Barnsley, Yorks, aged forty- u

WILLS

MR. JOHN BACON, retired mineral et manufacturer, 3 High Street, Burn n yon-Crouch, Essex, left £513.

MR. JAMES WATT, LL.D., 7 Blac rd.) Road, Edinburgh, chairman of T. 4 Smith, Ltd., wholesale and manufact the chemists, left £218,455.

MR. GILBERT LAWRIE, 35 Liberton : e. Edinburgh, formerly of Lawrie & Co., k importers, left personal estate in the Britain valued at £7,040.

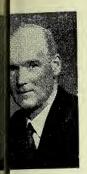
MR. AARON HENRY SHAPEERO, AGARDED SHAPEERO, Bramcote, Notts (Sharples and opticians, Wheeler Gate, Nottingham) of £19,836, with net personalty nil.

MR. FREDERICK STOCKS, 223 But y Road, Accrington, Lancs, mineral wer manufacturer, left £8,706, with net per lealty £7,075.

MRS. MABEL JANE SHARPE, 39 1 Street, Thornton Heath, Surrey, wif Mr. Leonard P. Sharpe (Sharpe's Schemists, Ltd., Thornton Heath, Surreleft £432.

PERSONALITIES

M HARRY BRINDLE, B.Sc. (London), h.C. R.I.C., at present senior lecturer, in cy, Manchester University, has been



appointed Professor ofPharmacy from September 29. appointment is announced by the University Council. Professor Brindle joined the University staff in 1928, and became senior lecturer in pharmacy and head of the department Under his 1935. direction there has notable been a

ment in the department, not only the number of students, but also in the and quantity of research work

department. Professor Brindle as r two years (1943-44 and 1944-45) and un of the British Pharmaceutical ont nce. He has been chairman of the call anch of the Pharmaceutical Society ncc 1938, and is honorary consulting naticist to the Manchester Royal firry, the Salford Royal Hospital, and Manchester municipal hospitals.

M. P. R. Duncan, M.P.S., Irthlingn, Northants, was recently elected
an of the local urban district council.
M. D. V. N. Bromfield, J.P. (wife of
ter tor of The Chemist and Druggist)
sented by the Queen, at Buckingalace on May 9, with the Red Cross
ist uished War Services award. Mrs.
He was Commandant of a First Aid
ost the Thames Estuary from August
o May 1945. Air-raid casualties
at the Post totalled 631.

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M LAWRENCE HEWITT, manager for and Riley, Ltd., Newport Street, all, Lancs, received a presentation on is colleagues on May 10 upon the can of his retirement after fifty years' ion with pharmaceutical business in wn. Mr. Hewitt first settled in in 1896 as an assistant at the cy of Mr. H. B. Pare, Churchbank. In the company's Bradshawgate shop, he he remained for over thirty-three can thirty of them as shop manager).

BUSINESS CHANGES

COLLEGE LABORATORIES, LTD., have removed to The Tower, Warmley, nr. Bristol.

Mr. C. H. Sloburn has taken up an appointment as manager with Taylor MacArthur, Ltd., 271 Wakefield Road, Huddersfield.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON (GT. BRITAIN), LTD., surgical dressing manufacturers, have been granted factory space on the Marcheviel trading estate, Wrexham, Denbigh.

BEECHAMS PILLS, I.TD., St. Helens, have obtained permission to build factory extensions across part of Silver Street, St. Helens, and an adjoining passageway.

The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Shieldhall, has acquired the business of Green & Campbell, chemists, 503 Castlemilk Road, Croftfoot, Glasgow, 5.4.

Mr. J. W. Huggins, M.P.S., has taken over the business of Mr. A. G. Marshall, M.P.S., 43-45 Bridge Street, Morpeth, Northumberland, after serving with the Royal Navy.

CRESSWELL BROS. & MARKS (INTERNATIONAL SPONGE IMPORTERS, LTD.), are removing to 5a Buck Street, Camden Town, London, N.W.I, on May 20. (Telephone: Gulliver 5462–63.)

Mr. Thomas Marns, Jun., M.P.S., has rejoined Thomas Marns, Ltd., 2 Caxton Street, London, S.W.I, after four-and-a-half years' service with the Directorate of Medical Supplies.

Mr. C. D. Young (managing director, Dalton Young Products, Ltd., Bristol) has acquired the business of College Laboratories, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Warmley, nr. Bristol.

Chas. Zimmermann & Co., Ltd., dealers in perfumery and soap-making materials, has removed to new factory premises at 132 Western Road, Mitcham, Surrey. Inquiries should continue to be addressed to the company's office, 9–10 St. Mary-at-Hill, London, E.C.3.

MR. Joseph Hutchinson, M.P.S., has taken over the direction of sales and distribution activities of Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex. Previously he held an overseas post with the company. Mr. E. Preston (a director) who has been in charge of the department during the war, will concentrate on the formation of new publicity and public relations departments.

TRADE NOTES

Feeding-bottle Teats.—Supplies of rubber teats for feeding bottles are available from Esco (Rubber), Ltd., 99 Kingsland High Street, London, E.g.

Tablets For Export.—Export inquiries relating to tablets, pills, lozenges, suppositories, etc., are invited by Matthews & Wilson, Ltd., 6-8 Cole Street, London, S.E.I.

Banking Services.—Various types of banking services which are offered by the Midland Bank, Ltd., were outlined in an announcement by the company in a recent issue of the C. & D.

Beetle and Cockroach Poison.—A phosphorus poison for the destruction of beetles and cockroaches is available under the Rodine trade mark from T. Harley, Ltd., Perth, Scotland.

Display Carton.—Chemists are invited to order at once a display carton for Aero-ped foot ointment from the sole distributors, S. Maw, Son & Sons, Ltd., Aldersgate House, New Barnet, Herts.

"Perfect" Insect Repellent.—Di-Meepol, which is claimed to be the "new perfect insect repellent," is offered on generous terms, carriage paid, by George Christie & Co., 84 Moss Lane West, Manchester, 15.

Glucose Confectionery.—Details of the distribution arrangements of Vita-glucose, glucose confections and medications and vitalised stomach powder are given in this issue by A. L. Simpkin & Co., Ltd., Sheffield.

Medical Books.—Under this title a 64-page booklet catalogue of text-books on medical, surgical, nursing, dental and scientific subjects is available from E. & S. Livingstone, Ltd., 16 and 17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 1.

Liquid Insect Repellent.—Burroughs Wellcome & Co. (The Wellcome Foundation, Ltd.) London, are offering a liquid insect repellent under the brand name Sketofax in gelatin "unit containers," which are available in waxèd cartons of twelve.

Preparations for Culture Media.—Oxo, Ltd., Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C.4, direct attention to their Oxoid brand bacteriological peptone, and Lab-Lemco, which have been specially prepared for use in biological laboratories.

Change of Title.—In a new form, and under the new title Mispep, Hewlett's mist. pepsinæ co. c. bismutho is being made available in amber bottles of 8 and 20

fl. oz. by the manufacturers, C. J. 3wl & Son, Ltd., 35-43 Charlotte Road, nd. E.C.2.

Supplies in Wholesalers' Hand Silf Co., Ltd., 39 Shaftesbury 'en London, W.I, announce that wh have supplies of Silf, a slimming spation that is being brought to the anof the public by all-the-year-round disting.

America Visit.—Dr. S. P. Rety, m and director of Clinical Products, Ltd Rimond, Surrey, left England on Ma is an extended business tour of the Americantinent, in the course of which positivisit the United States, Canada, Me of several of the Latin-American courses

Now on Telephone.—British S and Ltd., have moved in to their new of the telephone as the indulgence of clients are to clients before the telephone was in the telephone link-up has now be p'eted; the number is Welbeck 655

Pine-needle Extract.—Supplies of ldebrand's "original" pine-needle ext to available, in bottles of 6, 12, 20 and bottles of through the sole distributors, H in Jaccaz & Co., 32 Shaftesbury and London, W.I. The makers are Hilder & Co., 61 Fortune Green Road, 1 do N.W.6.

New Show Material.—An offer to dany chemist, upon request, a set coloured showcards for Mothaks an apreparation is made by the manufar Thompson & Capper Wholesale, Speke Hall Road, Liverpool, 19. Exameasures 52 in. by 32 in., and is color with strut.

Rubber Bathing Caps.—An offer semmediately sample rubber bathing is no per cent. natural material is nethis issue by L. Joseph (Rubber lament), C, Regent House, 30 Cannon Manchester, 4. Full details of tendelivery are given in an announ on another page.

In Improving Supply.—Limited 1 of raw materials for the manufact Sebosyn and of Steiner's S3 shampoor are enabling the manufacturers, Do Steiner, Ltd., 66 Grosvenor Street, Voffer increased quantities of these sties to chemists, who are invited to verthe makers for trade terms.

An ly Campaign.—Fubex, Ltd., 27 lie Street, London, W.I, have a national advertising campaign of I powder and liquid for the destruction beetles, cockroaches, moths, flies and wing insects. The sole agents in the cutical trade are Harley Simm & Friar Lane, Leicester.

om From Crickets.—It is pointed Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., obt louse, London, S.W.I, that crickets recordifically on refuse tips and waste during the early summer, making on an appropriate time for attacking on an appropriate time for attacking the purpose from the company in 56-lb. and wt. packages. The total of supplies in d.

Di sy Material Available.—To support na hal advertising campaign for Plesox tom a treatment, the manufacturers, Star Laboratories, Ltd., 108 Mortlake Roa Kew, Surrey, are offering an attractive splay material and bonus terms, whice are set out in an announcement less re in this issue. The distributors re plendor, Ltd., Beastmarket Hill, Nott ham.

Crast Media.—The range of contrast ded offered by Pharmaceutical Specialities lay & Baker), Ltd., Dagenham, and a Neo-hydriol brand iodised ethyl stee of poppy seed oil, in both fluid and isc varieties; Opacol brand iodo-htt in; pheniodol suspension and grantles oral demonstration in cholecystoral; Uropac brand iodoxyl solution; irid a brand diodone solution; Uriodone or rand diodone compound solution.

P Reductions.—On May I the prices potency Ostelin tablets and capsules duced by the manufacturers, Glaxo tories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex. retail pack of 1,000 tablets has been ted, and two new dispensing packs to capsules, containing 100 and 1,000 ively, are also being marketed for at time. Both preparations are taxness and subject to a trade discount of cent. Full details of the new prices are obtained from the company.

In strial Exhibition.—An exhibition to strate the specialised products and response of Johnson, Matthey & Co. Ltd. and held at Dorland Hall, Lower et Street, London, S.W.I, from 13—26. The applications of the my's products in an ever-widening of industries may then be seen for

the first time as a comprehensive whole. Admission to the exhibition will be by invitation card only, and applications for cards should be addressed to the exhibition secretary of the company, 73-83 Hatton Garden, London, E.C.I.

Goitre Survey.—The current number of "Iodine Facts," issued by the Iodine Educational Bureau, Stone House, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, is devoted to a world survey of goitre. The survey, which occupies ninety-six small quarto pages, deals with the causes and distribution of goitre, geological features, cretinism, and preventive measures, including the use of iodised salt. A large map of the world showing goitrous areas accompanies the booklet, and the relation of goitre to geological formations in England, Switzerland; Northern India and the United States is set out in an informative table.

Continental Mineral Waters.—Importers of the more famous natural waters from France, such as Vichy (State Springs), Contrexeville, Vittel, Evian, etc., and from other countries, are still not capable of supplying, because the necessary licences are not being granted by the Import Licensing Department, despite numerous inquiries and orders received by agents in this country since the liberation of France. It is understood that requests from the medical profession, from all sections of the trade, and from catering firms which in the past have handled these specialities, are being increasingly received.

Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Alterations to Protected List.—J. G. Ingram & Son, Ltd., Perfex enema, 5s. 4d., 46s. 4d. doz. Wigglesworth, Ltd. Revised prices and terms, May 20:—Opas Maclean powder, 10s. 6d. doz., tax 1s. 7½d. doz., i.r.p. 1s. 6d., 1-doz. lots 10s. 3d. doz.; 18s. 9d. doz., tax 3s. 0½d. doz., ir.p. 2s. 6d., 1-doz. lots, 18s. 3d. doz. Window display terms (fourteen days' display), three or six doz. medium-size powder, 9s. 4d. doz., twelve doz., powder, 9s. doz., three or six doz. arge-size powder, 18s. doz.; twelve doz., 17s. 6d. doz. Opas Maclean tablets, 6s. 6d. doz., tax 1s. doz., ir.p. 10d.; one-doz. lots, 6s. doz.; 10s. doz., tax 1s. 6d. doz., ir.p. 1s. 4d.; one-doz. lots, 9s. 6d. doz. Window-display terms (fourteen days' display), available on parcels on six doz. and upwards only: 5s. 6d. doz. and 9s. doz. Pooled quantity rates for assorted sizes only. Powder and tablets may not be grouped. Parcels £1 and upwards carriage paid.

Bayer Products Ltd., 80-oz. size Betaxan elixir, although still available, is not being quoted in P.A.T.A. List.

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verseas Trade by Volume

the end of overseas trade on a quantitate basis can now be reviewed as a set of the publication in the "Board of Tay Journal" of figures for each quarter of the whole of that year, and for the quarter of the present year, recalulation the basis of 1938 prices. The older of the present year results first quarter of 1946 and for each preceding four quarters for United the one exports (trade in £ millions).

	od	Trade	Trade on basis of 1938	Index Numbers (1938=100)			
		declared	average values	Average values	Volume		
38		470.8	470.8	100	100		
IS	ıarter	73.0	38.7	189	33 48 46		
21	uarter	103.9	56.4	184	48		
31	uarter	100.1	54.3	184	46		
41	uarter	119.2	64.2	186	55		
18	uarter	184.2	98.9	186	84		

value of United Kingdom exports by £65 millions to £184 millions in the quarter of 1946. Rather more than anth of the total value was accounted y exports of relief and rehabilitation less and shipments abroad by organises. The volume of total United lom exports during the same quarter 4 per cent. of 1938, the rise compared the previous quarter being more than 1 have occurred had exports in the quarter not been affected by the

dock strike. Owing to some goods accumulated during the strike period not being exported until January the volume figure is slightly too high as representing the amount of goods coming forward for export during the quarter.

According to a table showing the volume of exports in the first quarter of 1946, compared with the year and fourth quarter of 1945, and with 1938, "chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours" were valued at £15,898,000 for the first quarter of 1946, but the value at 1938 prices was £9,176,000. This compares very favourably with the quarterly average (at 1938 prices) for 1945 at £5,811,000. According to the index numbers of volume the first quarter of 1946 was 165, the fourth quarter of 1945, 117 and the whole of 1945, 104.

Research in the Society's College

The considerable volume of work conducted by the research departments of the Pharmaceutical Society's College tends sometimes to be relegated to the "backroom," so that the department's report for 1945 recently published makes profitable study. Carried out with the assistance of twenty-three men and women, who volunas "human guinea-pigs," research on the human requirements of vitamin A conducted by Dr. Coward has borne significant results. Dark-adaptation and other tests showed that the vitamin A reserves of subjects on a diet devoid of vitamin A became exhausted only after one to two years. Considerable search has been made in the field of antibacterial agents by the department of pharmaceutical chemistry, and other reports of everyday application come from the departments of pharmaceutics, pharmacognosy, and pharmacology. Routine determinations of vitamins for the Ministry of Food, and routine pharmacological tests for manufacturers, Government departments and a county health department complete the picture of the laboratories' work; and in this respect provisions for protecting the "morale" of the research workers engaged in routine testing, and of encouraging co-operation between producer and pharmacologist, indicate the aliveness of the directors to the trend of contemporary outlook.

WORLD'S LARGEST PENICILLIN FACTOR

The new Speke penicillin factory at Liverpool, which is stated to be the largest in the orly is operated by the Distillers' Co., Ltd. It is the second "deep culture" plant consecutive with the assistance of the Ministry of Supply (see "C. & D.", May II, p. 590) and have already exceeded its target production figure. The plant was visited by a member "C. & D." editorial staff on May 9 and his impressions are given below.

The most striking feature of the Speke penicillin factory is perhaps the "sterile area." In this temple of asepsis, every possible protection has been taken, regardless of cost, to ensure the sterility of the final product of penicillin, and an interesting expedient is the flooding of the area with a high concentration of ultra-violet light so that all surfaces of the rooms and equipment are continuously subjected to ultraviolet sterilisation. A group of eight totallyenclosed rooms constitutes the sterile area: access is gained only through a surgical dressing room, and all persons entering conform to sterility precautions as though entering an operating theatre, including washing with antiseptic soap, and donning sterile clothing, shoes, and rubber gloves masks and visors are necessary to protect operators from the ultra-violet light. Sterilised air, adjusted to optimum temperature and humidity, is fed in, and a slight positive pressure precludes the leakage inwards of unsterile air at the entrance door.

Two sets of air scrubbers in the form of three towers about 60 ft. high provide the immense volume of sterile air required to feed the sterile area, fermentation tanks, and seed tanks. Air is forced up each of the towers in turn, where it is thoroughly washed with a counter current of a suitable non-volatile antiseptic solution (e.g., sodium carbonate and chlorate). Finally, highspeed "cyclones" remove every trace of spray carried over. Each set of scrubbers is sterilised with steam when not in use. An ingenious and efficient machine of interest to industrial pharmacists is the rotary filter for removing the slimy mycelium after fermentation. A cylindrical grill revolving on a horizontal axis dips into the mycelium suspension, suction draws the clear filtrate through the grill and leaves the mycelium adhering to the drum like a felt: on reaching the other side of the drum the mycelium is blown off cleanly by blasts of air from inside.

Details of Process

The strain of *Penicillium notatum* used at Speke gives a far greater yield of penicillin than the original strains. It is a new form, or mutant, discovered by American workers

by treating an existing culture with lays The basis of the growth medium is ornsteep liquor, which contains protei and lactic acid, obtained from the soak to maize during starch manufacture. in Ig quantity of the penicillium strain (Q 76) is cultured under controlled conditi temperature, medium, and p_H , and mould multiplies it is transferred to get and larger flasks. To ensure that g will takes place throughout the whole m un instead of only at the surface, the skare agitated continuously. To cor et the growth of the mycelium, this "culum" is transferred to tall "seed tas" containing 300-400 gall. of sterile med m temperature is maintained at 73°- °F and immense volumes of sterile air are blown through to provide or en necessary for deep growth. At the e of twenty-four hours, growth is complete he mycelium fills the seed tanks and is a he right stage of development for the processing tion of penicillin, which is the next press. For this the fully-grown myceliu is pumped aseptically to a battery of fou en fermenters of 10,000 gall, capacity and It. in height, containing more sterile med n After four days under conditions simil to those of the seed tanks the penicillin acentration is at its maximum.

Extraction of Penicillin

The contents of the fermenters re pumped as a yellow aqueous sludge to le rotary filter where the mycelium is remed and discarded. To the clear filtrate, a rated carbon is added, which adsorbs e penicillin, and is filtered off. The penic n is liberated from the carbon by dissol g in acetone, the carbon being filtered off d re-used. The acetone solution of penic a is concentrated by distillation in vacuo, if the acetone recovered. The concentration solution is extracted further with acidi i amyl acetate, and a centrifuge revolving t about 15,000 r.p.m. is used to break do the emulsion formed in the process. fraction containing penicillin is extract with either sodium or calcium alkali giv a solution of the sodium or calcium s This solution is further purified and c centrated to the required potency.

Fi e Drying

e final solution is sterilised by filtration th gh a Seitz bacterial filter as a preon against contamination during the cation processes, and at the same time is ssed into the sterile area. Measured nes equivalent to 100,000 units are ted off by special machines into sterile he es; frozen at 60° C; and removed to fr e-drying ovens, which are evacuated e amazingly low pressure of 10 microns of ercury. Under these conditions the w r is removed in the solid phase (by mation) and is scraped mechanically fr a condenser cooled with liquid amages. After a few hours, when mation has ceased and a dry powder of p cillin is left, the bottles are closed a st bacteria with sterile rubber caps a metal seals. They then leave the sterile al for labelling and ordinary handling. ne two-stage vacuum-pump system u for vacuum drying is a masterpiece of c nical engineering. "Roughing" oil-s ed rotary pumps, in the first stage, r ce the pressure to about 300 microns; oil purification system continually oves condensed water which would rwise "flash back." The second stage rmed by diffusion pumps using chlorinhydrocarbons with a vapour pressure than that of mercury, and these cone the reduction to about 10 microns.

I h Potency

he potency of the penicillin in protion at Speke is on an average over te the legal minimum (700 against units per mgm.) and is increasing. Heatly plate ring method of assay of ency is found to give an accuracy of ut ± 10 per cent. Freedom from ogens has been a happy feature of the icillin produced in the plant, and, so not one batch has had to be rejected on s score or because of toxicity. Special eds of rabbits and mice for these tests kept under conditions almost like those an isolation hospital; sterile conditioned is laid on, and diets are carefully planned. Although the plant only went into proction on January 1, the target figure 20,000 mega units was surpassed in ril, and, by early May, the weekly proction was up to 30,000 mega units and s still growing. Handling, under sterile nditions, almost astronomical numbers of hall bottles appears, at the moment, to the bottle-neck; when this problem of cking is solved the possibilities of penilin production seem almost unlimited.

PENICILLIN NOTES

THE following notes on manufacturers' penicillin distribution policies are additional to, or in modification of, the advance notes given in last week's issue of the C. & D. (p. 594).

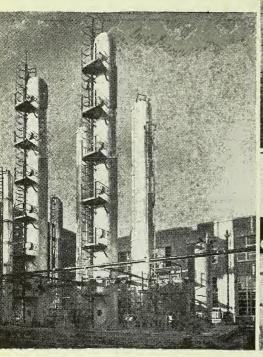
THE BRITISH DRUG HOUSES, LTD., Graham Street, City Road, London, N.I. The following list of products available from the company from June 1 cancels the list previously given: Penicillin (sodium salt) in rubber-capped vials for injection, containing 100,000 and 200,000 international units. Vials containing 500,000 and 1,000,000 i.u. will be available later. Penicillin oil-wax suspension B.D.H., a sterile suspension of beeswax in ethyl oleate containing 125,000 i.u. penicillin (sodium salt) per mil, issued in rubbercapped vials each containing 10 mils. Penicillin lozenges, B.D.H., in bottles of fifty, each lozenge containing 500 i.u. penicillin (calcium salt). Penicillin ointment, B.D.H., in jars containing r oz. (1,000 i.u. penicillin (calcium salt) per gm.). Penicillin ophthalmic ointment, B.D.H., in tubes containing I drachm (1,000 i.u. penicillin calcium salt per gm.). of the two penicillin ointments by June 1 is dependent upon authority for their distribution being received in time from the Ministry of Supply.

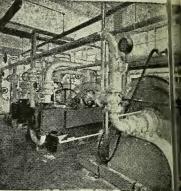
BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co. (THE WELLCOME FOUNDATION, LTD.), London, will have available on June I penicillin sodium and calcium salts for injection. Wellcome and Tabloid penicillin products will be made available shortly and a booklet "The Pharmacy of Penicillin," dealing with dispensing technique, is available to pharmacists on request.

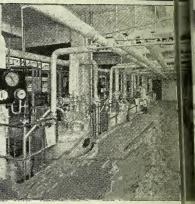
Kemball, Bishop & Co., Ltd., Crown Chemical Works, Three Mill Lane, Bromleyby-Bow, London, E.C.3, are offering to the medical profession and institutes, and to manufacturers of ointments, snuffs and lozenges, penicillin (calcium salt) of their own manufacture for which they claim that the company's product with its stability for long periods at room temperatures is especially suitable. It is pointed out that the company was one of the pioneer manufacturers in this country.

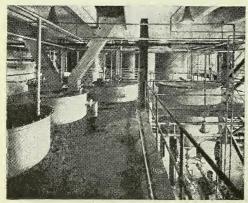
PHARMACEUTICAL SPECIALITIES (MAY & BAKER), LTD., point out that their appointment as distributors dates from the Minister's announcement of the release of supplies. The unitage of the vials that will be available from June 1 is 100,000 and not as given last week.

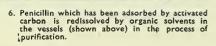
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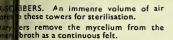




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PENICILLIN PRODUCTION TOPEKE

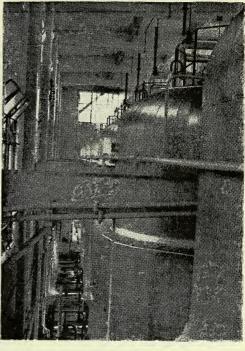




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 Rabbits in the stocks for testing rising temperature after injection with pericillin; the temperature is taken every hour and the animals keep calm in the stocks.

C.F. BADGE COMPETITION

THE directors of The Crookes Laboratories. Ltd., one of whose number (Mr. E. W. Godding) is this year's chairman of the Chemists' Friends Association, have decided to mark the occasion by presenting to the Association a chairman's badge of office (see also p. 628). For this purpose, they have authorised the Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths to announce a badge-design competition, which will be conducted through the Design and Research Centre at Goldsmiths' Hall, London. gold badge of office, with chain or ribbon, is desired. Designers will have a free hand as to materials and treatment, but the chain or band should be such as can be worn by the president on ceremonial occasions. It is suggested that gold, silver, enamels, ivory and other materials should not be ruled out. The allowed cost is £500, to include purchase tax, and a sum of £50 is to be paid to the winning designer, with small prizes to runners-up. The competition is open to all British designers, but persons working for manufacturers or retail firms must submit designs with the concurrence of their employers; firms submitting designs should give the names of their designers. The winning designer will be responsible for supervising the production of his design. Drawings should not exceed 2 ft. 6 in. square, and should include working drawings showing plan, elevation and section.

Judges Appointed

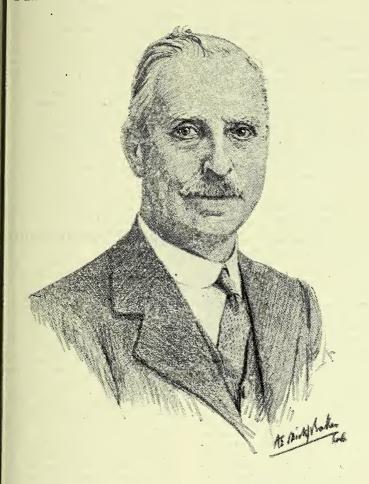
The judges in the competition are Mr. Philip James (Arts Council of Great Britain); Major C. T. P. Bailey (formerly of metalwork department, Victoria and Albert Museum); Miss Joan Evans; Mr. C. C. Oman (department of metalwork, Victoria and Albert Museum); Dr. Charles Holden, F.R.I.B.A. (Consultant on the City of London Plan); Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, A.R.C.A. (Principal, L.C.C. Central School of Arts and Crafts); Mr. Harold H. Holden, A.R.C.A. (Principal, Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts); Mr. J. H. Harwood (Principal, Sheffield College of Arts and Crafts); Mr. W. Hornby (National Union of Gold, Silver and Allied Trades); a representative of The Crookes Laboratories, Ltd.; and a representative of the Design and Research Centre. Designs should be sent to the Design and Research Centre, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, E.C.2, to arrive not later than Wednesday, May 29, 1946.

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No. 12. Specially drawn for The Chemist and Druggist

CHEMISTS' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

A MEETING of the Chemists' Friends Council was held on May 2, the president (Mr. E. W. Godding) in the chair. The meeting was preceded by meetings of the C.F. Standards and the C.F. Propaganda Committees.

Mr. E. W. Godding, on behalf of Crookes Laboratories, Ltd., reported that the design for the proposed chain of office which they were presenting to the Association (see p. 626) was being made the subject of a national competition, and that a special committee had been set up by the Goldsmiths Hall to select the best designs submitted. It was hoped that the selected designs would be available for inspection by the C.F. Council at its next meeting.

Three applications for manufacturer membership of the Association were reported by the C.F. Standards Committee to have been considered, and the Committee recommended that the C.F. Council should defer consideration of two applications to enable further information to be obtained, the third application (from B. Hooper & Co., Ltd., 6 Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3) being accepted. The schedule to the company's agreement covers all eligible pharmaceutical products

including Camthol.

Further consideration was given to an application for the addition of a product to the schedule of an existing C.F. agreement. Objection had previously been taken to the literature packed with the product, and the manufacturers had stated that new literature was to be produced at a later The Committee recommended that consideration of the appl cation should be deferred until new literature was available.

In view of possible repercussions of the National Health Service on the sale of proprietary medicines, the Committee considered that an opportunity had arisen to offer a service to C.F. manufacturers in reviewing labels, literature and advertisements relating to their products, particularly those offered for sale direct to the public through pharmacists; the Committee recommended that such a service be offered to manufacturer members of the The recommendations were considered and adopted.

Four applications for wholesaler membership of the C.F.A. were considered. Three were refused, but an application by Northern Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., Galen House, Gratton Road, Bradford, was

accepted.

A detailed scheme was submitted t the C.F. Propaganda Committee to imple ent a suggestion that there should be pub led in each issue of the C.F. Bulletin a low products, classified under various her ags according to season, which C.F. mai acturers would like chemists to display. The Committee recommended that the projects should be adopted, and Mr. H. C. Co son and Dr. Brook were thanked for help ren to the Committee in this connexion.

A copy of a C.F. window transfer ow available for use by chemists was receed and approved. The question of proving a C.F. window-display stand for us by chemists was considered, and it was ro posed that quotations and sketches s ild be obtained. The Committee consider the best means of using the C.F. set of direct public attention to the high star and s of C.F. products, and it was recomme ed that the C.F. seal should be incorporal in the display stand, and also that all F. manufacturers should be asked to se the C.F. symbol in their advertisen ts. The recommendations were accepted.

NORTH LONDON DINN

Mr. J. C. Young (president, Pharm utical Society) was the guest of hono at a dinner preceding the annual meng of the North Metropolitan Branch o he Society and the North London Pha ceutical Association held recently. M.L. HAYWARD (a former chairman), prop 1s "The Guests," said that the Associan had been honoured this year by he as one of its members in the distingued position of president of the Society In his reply, Mr. Young reviewed some c 18 current changes in pharmacy, with r-ticular reference to the National H th Service. During the session the Br :h had held, it was reported, a record nu er of meetings on subjects of scientific id general interest. Mr. L. G. MATTH S, in proposing the adoption of a new s of rules, said that the Association had 0gressed in many ways since its forman in 1912, and needed a revision of its ori al rules. The committee had received r h guidance in drafting the rules from D [. Dewar. Officers for the session 19417 were elected as follows:—Chairman d President, Mr. J. H. Spencer; Vice-chair 4, Mr. L. C. Matthews; Treasurer, Mr. A Leaversuch; Secretary, Mr. A. E. Foot. New members elected to the comm & were Messrs. Davies, Martripp, and Poll.

PHIRMACEUTICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT

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forth have an annual value of £250, tenable for two years. Matters affecting Service personnel included a scheme to carry into effect the arrangement made in the previous year with schools of pharmacy to hold refresher courses for demobilised pharmacists; representations to the War Office for refresher courses for Service pharmacists to be taken before demobilisation, as part of Formation College programmes; concessions in respect of the examination regulations to ex-Service men and women, reducing the period of articled pupilage to one year's experience either before or after the Qualifying examination, granting certain concessions to subjects of the Intermediate and Qualifying examinations, representations to the Government in favour of qualification preceding call-up in the event of compulsory military service being continued in peace-time; and co-operation with the United States Army authorities in an "observer" scheme.

Work of the Society's College

Students admitted for the 1945-46 session showed a substantial increase. For the courses for the Qualifying examinations and Bachelor of Pharmacy degree the number was seventy-one, against forty-nine, and for research students sixteen against one. A feature was the high proportion of students taking the course for the Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying and degree examinations. A second evening refresher course for pharmacists had been held; an evening course for the Diploma in Biochemical Analysis had also been fully attended. Release of the examination hall, which had been used for office purposes during the war, had enabled the College to resume the use of this much needed space for instruction in physiology and aseptic technique. The grant made by the University of London had been increased from £800 to £4,000. Ten research papers had been published during the year.

Organisation

The Council had decided to make no change in the arrangements for the 1945 annual meeting but to submit a report to the Branch Representatives' meeting on changes that might be made in future. As a result of views expressed on a proposed new by-law prohibiting canvassing by Council candidates the Council had decided to make a report on the matter to a Branch Representatives' meeting before proceeding

further. It had been decided to amend the by-law dealing with the co-optation of persons to fill casual vacancies.

Legal Activities

The Society's inspectors had inspected 9,311 pharmacies; 4,995 drug stores and other shops were visited. The premises of 1,308 listed sellers of Part II poisons had been inspected on behalf of fifteen local authorities. One hundred and twenty-one reported breaches of the Pharmacy Acts had been considered, and proceedings instituted in forty-one cases of alleged infringements of the Pharmacy Acts. One case had been dismissed, seven dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, and penalties imposed in the remainder. The number of premises registered under Section 1 (i) (g) of the 1941 Act had continued to fall, owing to more co-operative societies forming separate companies to conduct their drug branches. Increase in the personal retention fee had not resulted in any decrease in the number of names on the Register; on the contrary, comparison with recent years showed that fewer names had been removed from the Register than was customary. The increased fee, however, had given rise to increased requests for special concessions, and the question was under consideration by the Council. The Council had decided to prepare a report to serve as the basis for further

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Central Pharmaceutical War Committee

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BIOLOGICALLY INERT TECHNICAL WHITE OS

The introduction of biologically inert lubricants into manufacturing processes is one outcome of a series of researches which have been carried out recently into technical white oils which are effective lubricants but biologically inert.

Prevention of "Spinner's Cancer"

Probably the most important of these uses is the introduction of technical white oils as the main preventive measure against "spinners' cancer" a deadly disease which research has now shown to be attributed chiefly to constant contact with the lubricating oil used in the mule spinning-frames. Various types of anti-splash devices have been incorporated in the spinning frames, but these alone have proved insufficient to afford complete protection to the operative. The only real solution is the introduction of a lubricant that is biologically inactive. Years ago, after extensive experiments with various types of spindle oil from various fields of origin, it

was found that there was often s in correlation between the carcinoger ty (cancer-producing power) of mineral is and their refractivity constants.

As a result of this extensive result by C. C. Twort, M.D., and J. M. T. t. B.Sc., these workers were approache y interested parties and asked to give a stification for a mule spindle oil whic if adopted by the cotton trade, would eli 1ate the necessity of using the more dal rous types of mineral oil, such as shal il and the most active petroleum oils A specification suggested by these opioneers was set out in a report of 18 Manchester Committee on Cancer, 193 4. Almost all mule-spindle oils used at ut time contained varying amounts of car rproducing substances, and in recommen g the specification the authors' object was prevent, if possible, the use of the wit types of oils without implying that an il conforming to the specification was ne sarily non-cancerous.

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Of Required Purity

ting on the recommendations and es riments carried out by the brothers T t, the Manchester Oil Refinery has pluced Puremor spindle oil and other we oils to the same standards. the bils referred to are biologically inactive, at tests show an index fall of not more The index change is two points. m: important. Liquid paraffin and a lal oils, after injection, usually show e or a steady index or a few points rise, we reas bad oils may show index falls of thing up to 250 points. Puremor is free substances causing dermatitis and is iless. Spinning mules lubricated with low a drop in "bolster" temperature of to 7° F. as compared with ordinary dle oil. dle oil.
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technical white oils has been made in regard to hospital practice. Recent work has shown that bedding in hospitals, etc., is responsible for the liberation of a high percentage of dangerous dust-borne organisms during the process of bed-making. Blankets may be grossly contaminated by droplets expelled by streptococcal and staphylococcal throat and nose carriers, and during bed-making these dried bacteriacontaining droplets are raised into the air to produce infection by inhalation or by falling on susceptible tissues such as open wounds, etc. Experiments and research by M. Van den Ende, M.B., and his colleagues have evolved a treatment of bedclothes with technical white oil which considerably reduces the number of air-borne bacteria and the consequent risk of infection. The method adopted was the introduction of technical white oil with an emulsifying agent (which allowed an oil-inwater emulsion) during the process of laundering. Carcinogenicity must ously be excluded when an intimate contact between the oil and the patient's skin cannot be avoided, but technical white oil, being biologically inert, removes all fears on this point. The use of "spindle oil" to lay dust on floors and so diminish the number of bacteria in the air was discussed in a memorandum on the control of crossinfection in hospitals by the Medical Research Council (see C. & D., 1944. II. 166). Experiments carried out by Van den Ende and colleagues, and subsequently by military hospitals, have shown that the use of "spindle oil" to lay the dust on floors has effectively lowered the rate of respiratory infections. The term "spindle oil," as pointed out by Van den Ende ("Lancet"), is used to cover a wide variety of mineral oils of varying degrees of refinement, ranging from the relatively crude carcinogenic lubricants employed in cotton mills to the highly refined, biologically inert technical white oils, and, in the interests of safety, he advises the use in hospitals of non-carcinogenic technical white oils which are biologically inert.

Streptomycin Production.—The "Lancet" states that eleven U.S. manufacturers have been making streptomycin for about twelve months. Output, at about 25 kilos (25,000 million units) monthly, is small compared with that of penicillin. About 60 per cent. is allotted to the U.S. Forces and Public Health Service, the remainder being used for clinical trials, under Dr. S. Keefer.

CORK PHARMACEUTICAL REUNION

A LADY (Miss N. McCarthy, M.P.S.I.) was chosen to propose the principal toast at the second annual Cork Pharmaceutical Reunion dinner, held on May 2. Mr. R. D. CLARKE (chairman of the local branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland) presided

MR. J. D. BLAIR (treasurer, Cork and of the Society) proposed "The Iris or Association" and MR. M. Costelloe plying, spoke of the advantages of havious for all sections of the proposed Outline MR. D. O'Shea (Cork) proposed Outline of the Society of the Society



CORK PHARMACISTS' REUNION .- A general impression of the dinner.

over a company of 160 which included Mr. J. K. Whelehan (president, Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland); Mr. P. Brady (vice-president); Mr. M. Costelloe (chairman, retail section, Irish Drug Association); Mr. P. C. Cahill (chairman, wholesale section); Dr. A. O'Rahilly (president, University College, Cork); Mr. M. V. Conlon (a member of the College governing body); and Mr. T. O'Gorman (employees' representative).

Miss McCarthy, in proposing the toast "The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland," said that it was to the work of its Council that the Society owed the position of honour it occupied today. Another body which had done much to make the lot of the junior members of the profession an easier one was the Irish Drug Association. Cork pharmacists had reason to be proud of the work of their local employers' federation, and of their latest venture, the Guild of Pharmacy, under whose auspices the dinner was organised.

MR. WHELEHAN, responding, asked members to regard their headquarters in Dublin as their alma mater. The Society felt, Mr. Whelehan said, that a complete overhaul of its educational system was overdue.

Guests." Dr. A. O'RAHILLY, in results said that pharmacy required a five-us university course in several country on the Continent, and there was a stall in the profession which did not exist in re. It might be that in Eire they may relieve



DUBLIN VISITORS WITH DR. O'RAHILLY AND DRK OFFICERS.—Left to right, seated: Mr. J. K. W shan (president, Pharmaceutical Society of Irelan and Dr. A. O'Rahilly (president, University College, rk) Standing Messrs. R. D. Clarke, R. Timoney, Fielding, M. Costelloe, B. Smith, P. C. Cahill and Pady.

higher or specialised degrees in anal cal work, etc., and now that a professors biochemistry had been established at ork University College they would be delig ed, if so requested, to do anything they all towards increasing the educational other qualifications of the profession.

AIL QUESTIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH BILL

Committee stage of the Public Bill, 1945, in the Dail Eireann many questions were raised on the and sale of medicines in Eire.

WARD (Parliamentary Secretary to
the nister for Local Government and
Health) moved amended subsections
ring the Minister to grant permits to
the ded medical practitioners to import,
the sall of atherwise disease. cture, sell or otherwise dispose of a ed article; and to attach to the such conditions (if any) as he should r proper, at the same time prohibitsons outside the scope of the subto do so, or to advertise a restricted The amendments, said Dr. Ward, er trafting amendments and did not tr ce any new principle into Section 89, hi applied to a very limited category of He did not think that Deputies ask him to particularise, inasmuch as vere some delicate aspects related to recicles contemplated. Certain instruicles contemplated. Certain instru-and appliances and other preparations be used for a purpose other than the e for which they were obviously actured, and that purpose was often onable and sometimes bordered on minal. It was to give power to deal' it hese articles that the Section had ecorporated in the Bill, and clearly, section were to effect its purpose, the firm must be the judge whether an the should be imported: it would be up should be imported; it would be up

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OR DE VALERA (son of Prime Minister era) said he took it one of the probable he Parliamentary Secretary had in was the problem of contraceptives. The Section dealing with such things traceptives and things that might be ted, or was it meant to cover the teg of the excellence of medical articles? WARD: This Section is specifically ed in the Bill to deal with the restricted it is that are manufactured and adversand that purport to be used for inal purposes, including contraceptive ses. It is not intended that the on should have any wider application. We are sections dealing with proprietary in the section of these articles over curative or restorative or other ble qualities will be the determining in "The amendment was agreed."

at the Minister so as to secure a licence.

Dr. Ward next moved an amendment defining a medical preparation as (a) "a substance which is sold under a proprietary designation and for use for the prevention or treatment of any human ailment, infirmity, injury, or defect," or (b) "any other prophylactic, diagnostic or therapeutic substance (not being a therapeutic substance within the meaning of the Therapeutic Substances Act, 1932) which is sold for use for the prevention or treatment of any human ailment, infirmity, injury or defect." The effect of the amendment, said Dr. Ward, would be to extend the expression "medical preparation" to cover any prophylactic or diagnostic or therapeutic substance sold for use for the prevention or treatment of any human ailment, infirmity, injury or defect. amendment became necessary to remedy a defect in the operation of the Therapeutic Substances Act, 1932, particularly in regard to the manufacture and sale of penicillin ointment.

Medical Practitioners' Freedom

Major de Valera asked whether the Parliamentary Secretary would tell them that no fetters whatever would be put upon reputable moral medical practitioners in securing preparations for their own legitimate ends, or for that matter prescribing them. The reply was that Dr. Ward could foresee difficulties in adequately providing for the type of contingency that the Deputy had in mind. In general, medical practitioners were reputable, but occasionally they met a medical practitioner who was dis-It was not easy to provide reputable. facilities for the reputable without allowing the disreputable to abuse them. In such matters it would be necessary to establish Advisory Council. Some of these remedies would have to be submitted to clinical trial before they could be excluded, if they were new remedies of which their practitioners had not much experience. On the other hand they would all be in agreement that there was quite an extensive category of "patent" medicines and proprietary preparations the sale of which constituted a fraud on the community at the present time. "I want to try and stop that," said Dr. Ward. "It is an effort "It is an effort that should have the support of every member in every Party."

Major de Valera agreed that there must be control of preparations but straightaway the difficulty arose what authority was to determine that a particular preparation was useless, and that it was a fraudulent means of extracting money from the public? Was this going to be decided by some officer in the Minister's Department, or some analyst, or would it be referred to some board?

Deputy P. Cogan said there was a grave danger that if the Minister was to take complete control over the sale and advertising of various medical preparations, there might be unfairness or injustice as between one firm and another. Listening to the Parliamentary Secretary he thought he discerned that there was a strong prejudice on the part of the medical profession against all outside medical preparations which were advertised. No doubt a large proportion of such preparations were of questionable value. It was possible, however, that there might be remedies of considerable value.

Pharmacist Deputy's Views

DEPUTY F. LOUGHMAN (a member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland): I am one of the pharmacists who would be greatly concerned with this par-ticular section. When we first read it we had our doubt about it, but the Parliamentary Secretary very kindly met a deputation that was representative of the entire pharmaceutical trade, including both the academic and trade interests. We had a long discussion with him but the Parliamentary Secretary completely satisfied the deputation that what he was doing was just and reasonable. We dislike, of course, anything that puts a restriction on the articles which we can sell, and I think that when the Minister for Public Health embarks on protecting the people against fraud he is going a bit far. I agree that it is not right that people should be at liberty to advertise articles which are in themselves fraudulent and do not conform to the claims made for them, but I think it is a matter for another Department to consider whether a particular commodity is a fraud on the public or not.

DR. WARD replied that in this matter the Advisory Council would, of necessity, have to be drawn from men with the highest and most detailed knowledge of proprietary articles, and of their probable therapeutic effect. "We all realise that there will be difficulty in operating this section. We are breaking new ground in that regard in this country but it is not new ground in neighbouring countries. In the United States of America and in Canada such control has been instituted long since —and very rigid control. If it was found

to be necessary there where, perhaps he people might not be as easily imposed as Deputy Cogan has found them to in this country, it should be necessary he. The Advisory Council, said Dr. Vod, that would recommend to the Ministe restrictions he ought to impose, and he articles on which he should impose my would have to be drawn from my scientists, medical practitioners and my consultants having the most intaken wheelege of the use and effects of articles.

DEPUTY M. DONNELLAN: The state int made by the Parliamentary Secretary lat these "quack" medicines cost milli a year is in my opinion most alarmi DR. WARD: Do not take that literall it may not be accurate. When I say mins I am speaking in a figurative sense. I usay very large sums.

DEPUTY DONNELLAN thought that sters at fairs were doing more harm and the advertisements in the newspap — The amendment was agreed.

Samples to Accompany Applications

DR. WARD moved to delete the or relate "and substitute the words "at and furnish samples of such preparatis" in a subsection dealing with applica m for licences. It was necessary for hoperation of the regulations, said Dr. V d, that applicants for licences shoul be required to furnish samples of mean preparations to which their applicants related.

DEPUTY P. BURKE: Is that not ng in done to a great extent already unde he may be and Drugs Act?—Dr. WARD: he Foods and Drugs Act does not deal wit he matters with which we are trying to al here. Later he added that if they and they had not given themselves ade te powers to deal with the problem that which they were trying to deal they vild come back to the House and ask for extered "Deputy de Valera," Dr. 'rd went on, "has raised the question of ial samples for medical practitioners and xpressed some anxiety as to the pople curtailment of the trial of new drugs ad a new preparations by medical practitic rs. That is not contemplated under this see in I think that we are well in advant of civilisation and heading fair to lead underglibours in matters of public hit administration. We do not intend to anything, either by way of statute or ac nistration, which would in any way limit be advance of medical science." That is not contemplated under this see in. advance of medical science.

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OVERSEAS TRADE NEWS

ts from India Freed from Control.—
The vernment of India has freed from control a number of important artic. The list includes surgical dressings.

pi pine Copra Exports.—Exports of copr rom the Philippines in April of this year hounted to 24,179 long tons, of which tons were shipped to Italy for UNI A requirements. The balance was experted to the United States.

Oil Production Estimates.—Palestine production of olive oil is estimated to t 12,000 to 14,000 metric tons during the 5-46 season. The Tunisian yield of olive I for the same period is expected to reac ,000 metric tons.

N foundland Cod-liver Oil Exports.— Exp is of cod-liver oil from Newfoundland tote 1 362,711 gallons during the twelve more sended October 31, 1945, compared with 16,377 gallons in the previous twelve more s.

Fich Soap Production.—Output of soap in I nee declined slightly in March owing to acute shortage of fats. Production et soap amounted to 1,000 tons, red with 1,100 tons in February, and tion of household soap declined to 3,50 tons from 3,600 tons in February.

S h American Linseed Exports.—The able surplus of Argentine linseed this estimated at about 800,000 tons. No nation has been received as to whether, ooo tons Uruguay was to export to inted States in April have been red. Meanwhile, 13,000 tons have used for shipment in May.

I guay's Drug Imports.—Imports into Ur ay of drugs and pharmaceutical raw na ials during the first nine months of were valued at \$U.S.I,142,000, comawith \$U.S.846,000 in the corresponding riod of 1944. The increased demand ributed in part to the expansion in stic production of pharmaceutical or rations.

p Experts for Ceylon.—Two foreign to are to be appointed by the Ceylon nment to assist the local soap and ink tries and to improve the quality of output. The industries, run by a per of small manufacturers, are themalism unable to afford expert advice; the runent has therefore decided to proprovided the property of these industries.

U.S. Cottonseed Oil Production.—A New York message states that production of cottonseed oil in the United States is expected to rise considerably during the latter part of this year when the new season's crop is brought in, owing to an estimated increase in cotton planting. This season's output is not expected to reach the 1945 figure of 3,700,000 tons which itself compares unfavourably with the 1934–43 average of 5,175,000 tons.

U.S. Surplus Government Toluol Offered.—The War Assets Administration in the United States has announced that 15,000,000 gallons of Government-owned surplus toluol have been offered in industrial channels at a price of 10 cents per gallon. This compares with the current market price for the material of 27 cents a gallon. Little difficulty in the quick disposal of the material is likely to be encountered at the low price at which it is offered.

Canadian Cod-liver Oil Industry.—The Canadian cod-liver oil industry has grown so rapidly in recent years that Canada is not only assured of supplying her own needs but is forwarding a considerable surplus to European countries through UNRRA, it was announced at the recent annual meeting of the Atlantic Cod Liver Producers' Association. Mr, H. Nadeau (chairman of the Association) recalled that in 1940 Canada faced a serious shortage of cod-liver oil as, prior to the German invasion, it obtained the oil from Norwegian sources. Mr. Nadeau said that a few Canadian business men, in collaboration with the Federal Oils and Fats Administrator and Atlantic Coast fishermen, created a new Canadian industry. During a war period of five years, six refineries were built at strategic points in the Gaspe Peninsula and Maritime Provinces. This new industry, born of necessity, was now of great national value to Canadians and had become an established asset not only for the supply of cod-liver oil for Canadian markets but also for devastated Europe. Furthermore, it had improved the standard of living of Canadian fishermen. During the past year Canada produced 528,574 gallons of cod-liver oil, of which 232,875 gallons were of high-grade medicinal quality, the balance being suitable for animal and poultry feeding purposes and industrial Canada exported 223,763 gallons. ducers are planning to increase production this year.

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TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals represent the prices for wholesale quant is o standard quality. Prices of crude drugs and essential oils vary according to brand or ade

28 Essex Street, W C.2, May 15

It is not known in trade circles to what extent the American loan, if granted, will affect the importation of drug trade articles, but it may be assumed that essential materials from United States sources will be in rather easier supply. Currency difficulties were mentioned in a notice dated May 9 sent out by the London Chamber of Commerce stating that the Director of Medical Supplies advises that BAYBERRY BARK, BLACK COHOSH, PICHI, SASSAFRAS BARK, GRINDELIA and HY-DRASTIS are not now recognised as essential for medical purposes and that no further licences will be granted for the present. Little of general interest has occurred in the PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS markets, where business is steady at stable prices. The shortage of supplies of GLYCERIN which is being experienced throughout the home trade is due, it is understood, to the effects of recent cuts in oils and fats, coupled with the constantly increasing demand from expanding industries.

Crude Drugs

Conditions on the CRUDE DRUGS markets are practically unchanged from those reported a week ago. Export inquiry continues but business with home consumers remains slow. Prices of Cape Aloes are reported to be higher. Demand for Antimony remains in excess of smelting capacity. Good-testing English Bella-DONNA LEAVES are reported to be available on the spot. The position of Chinese CAMPHOR remains as outlined last week. Quiet conditions obtain for CHILLIES and other spice products. Rather easier conditions are noted for Portuguese DIGITALIS LEAVES. GUM ACACIA and Egyptian HEN-BANE remain at the rather higher prices quoted recently. Brazilian MENTHOL is in good demand for export with a rather higher price reported paid. NUTMEGS continue in short supply and prices are nominal. Orange peel from Spain is reported in course of landing. Papain is dearer on the spot. A parcel of roughround Rhubarb already arrived is reported to be of poor quality. A few price changes have occurred in WAXES.

Little of interest has occurred in the oils markets during the past week with prices of Essential and Fixed oils unchanged.

Exchange Rates on London

Bank of England fixed rates at the pendicular ing on Wednesday morning were :-

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3,425, 6d. U.S. Drug Market Report

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The high prices which continue to be q ted gum for Far-East supplies of Menthol ay the result in Brazil remaining the chief su iers of this commodity to the United S es. (4) No large-scale activity in this mater is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this mater is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this mater is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this mater is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this material is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this material is synthetic resign. The large scale is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this material is synthetic resign. The large scale is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in this material is \$1.00 kg. No large-scale activity in the scale activity in of the material; synthetic resin r ufacturers account for a large proper on small of orders. Domestic output of MER WM. will meet consumer requirements, is indicated here. Activity at present is a lim small scale with little interest show or any recent imports of Mexican material. major American producers have rad have their prices for ETHYL ACETATE as a r lt win of increased alcohol costs, while B of increased alcohol costs, wine Alcohol and ACETATE (fermentation cessed types) advanced slightly. A l y demand on Botanical drug markets is reported over the past week; I y items are virtually unobtainable. NAUBA WAX prices advanced to a new h level with trade circles predicting a light tighter market position ahead; Euro purchasers offered high prices for fu Brazilian supplies last year before e O.P.A. removed the domestic ceilings much of the new crop is reported ! There are many reports to the effect There are many reports to the effect India has banned all exports of Rhur ROOT while it is also thought that import regulations will be imposed on the imposed on the imposed on the imposed of the imposed on the impos item thus discouraging consumers f seeking supplies from abroad. All BAL IS are reported strong while little A BARK is likely to be carried over not e new season, according to present not ions.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

A ANILIDE.—Makers' prices are unchanged at 2 3d. per lb. for powder, and 2s. 6d. for rys.

A CHAMINE.—Makers quote at 150s. per lb. A (IN.—The following are makers' current ate r lb. for the home market, in quantities f: lb.—I cwt. (containers in brackets):

5. (1-lb.); 4s. (4-lb.); 3s. 11d. (7-lb.);

5. 1 l. (14-lb.); 3s. 9½d. (28-lb.).

A (IN TABLETS.—Makers quote bulk supplier I,000 as follows: Under 5,000, 3s. 6d.;

1,000 as. 1d.; 50,000, 3s.; 100,000, 2s. 11d.;

500, 2s. 10½d.; 500,000, 2s. 10d.; 1,000,000, 8s.

A PINE.—Home market prices per oz. are: LK 1D, 42s. 6d.; 4 oz., 42s.; 25 oz., 41s. 6d. UL TE, 34s.; 4 oz., 33s. 6d.; 25 oz., 33s. LBROMIDE and METHYLNITRATE, 75s.

B UM SULPHATE, B.P. (x-ray).—Prices quotd by makers, in 28-lb.—r cwt. lots, or me sales are (containers in brackets): s. (1-lb.); Is. 4½d. (4-lb.); Is. 3½d. rll Is. 3d. (14-lb.); Is. 2d. (28-lb.). ric are net, one month.

B UTH SALTS.—New prices per lb. for AR ATE, in quantities of 14 lb.—28 lb., are s f ws (containers in brackets): 13s. 0\frac{1}{2}d. (2-lb.); 12s. 11d. (4-lb.); 2s. d. (7-lb.); 12s. 9\frac{1}{2}d. (14-lb.). CITRATE, lb. above; SALICYLATE, 6d. per lb. SUBGALLATE, 4s. 3d. per lb. above; RATE, IS. 2d. per lb. below the prices for the.

B .x.—Ton lots are quoted as follows:
P uality, granulated, £38; crystal, £39;
w, £39 10s. Commercial grades, £8 per
s. Packed in one-cwt. bags, delivered
par e paid in Great Britain, in one-ton lots. B c ACID.—Current rates per ton are as all : B.P. quality, granulated, £60; crystal, owder, £62. Commercial grades, £8 per s. Packed in one-cwt. bags, delivered are paid in Great Britain, in one-ton lots wards.

MIDES.—POTASSIUM, in quantities of is quoted at the following rates per lb. or ners in brackets): 3s. 2½d. (r-lb.); (4-lb.); 3s. (7-lb.); 2s. 1½d. (r4 lb.); d. (28-lb.). Sodium, r½d. per lb. less, and MMONIUM r½d. per lb. more, than above prices are net without engagement.

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B CINE.—Current rates per oz. are as all : Alkaloid.—Under 25 oz., is. 4½d.; and under 100 oz., is. 4d.; 100 oz. and 500 oz., is. 3½d. Nitrate and Sulphate. 127 25 oz., is. 3½d.; 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 02 d. co. 20 oz., is. 2½d. C eine.—Schedule of reduced prices was ast week (p. 606).

CHLORAL HYDRATE.—Steady; current prices are as follows: 1 cwt., 3s. 10d. per lb.; 56 lb., 4s.; 28 lb., 4s. 2d.; 14 lb., 4s. 6d.; 7 lb., 4s. 9d.; less, 5s. 3d.

CITRATES.—Prices per lb. current in the home market for Potassium citrate, B.P., are as follows :-

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Prices net one month. 1 lb. and 4 lb., in bottles or tins; 7 lb. and 14 lb., in bottles, tins or jars; 28 lb., in tins. FERRI ET AMMON. CIT., B.P., 2d. per lb. above; Sodium, B.P., 3d. per lb. below; powder, id. per lb. extra.

CODEINE.—Current prices per oz. for small lots are as follows: BASE.—½ oz., 55s. 3d.; 1 oz., 52s. 9d.; 2 oz., 51s. 3d.; 3 oz., 50s. 6d.; 4 oz., 50s. 3d. Hydrochloride.—½ oz., 50s.; 1 oz., 47s. 6d. 2 oz., 46s.; 3 oz., 45s. 3d.; 4 oz., 45s. Phosphate.—½ oz., 43s. 9d.; 1 oz., 45s. 3d.; 2 oz., 45s. 41s. 3d.; 2 oz., 39s. 9d.; 3 oz., 39s.; 4 oz., 38s. 9d.

DIAMORPHINE.—Current rates per oz. for small quantities are as follows: Base.—½ oz., 58s. 6d.; 1 oz., 56s.; 2 oz., 54s. 6d.; 3 oz., 53s. 9d.; 4 oz., 53s. 6d. Hydrochloride.—
½ oz., 54s. 3d.; 1 oz., 51s. 9d.; 2 oz., 50s. 3d.; 3 oz., 49s. 6d.; 4 oz., 49s. 3d.

ETHYLMORPHINE.—Small quantities are quoted per oz. by makers as follows: Base.-1 оz., 61s. 6d.; 1 оz., 59s.; 2 оz., 57s. 6d.; 3 оz., 56s. 9d.; 4 оz., 56s. 6d. Нудкосньокие. -½ oz., 53s.; 1 oz., 50s. 6d.; 2 oz., 49s.; 3 oz., 48s. 3d.; 4 oz., 48s.

GLUCOSE.—Powdered monohydrate for the home trade is quoted as follows: 14 lb.-28 lb., in 14-lb. lots, 11\frac{2}{4}d. per lb.; 28 lb:-112 lb., in 14-lb. lots, 11\frac{1}{4}d.; in 28-lb. lots, 10\frac{1}{4}d.

Homatropine.-Makers' prices per oz. are ALKALOID.—1 oz., 97s. 6d.; 4 oz., 92s. 6d.; 16 oz., 87s. 6d. (4s.) Hydrochloride, hydro-BROMIDE and SULPHATE.-I OZ., 75S.; 4 OZ., 70s.; 16 oz., 65s. (3s. 2d.).

IODINE PREPARATIONS .- Current home quotations are: Potassium iodide, B.P.—112 lb., 9s. 3d.; 28 lb., 9s. 9d.; 14 lb., 10s. 3d.; 7 lb., 95. 3u.; 20 id., 98. 9d.; 14 id., 108. 3d.; 7 id., 118. 9½d.; 4 lb., 128. 3½d.; smaller quantities, 128. 9d. per lb. Sodium iodide, B.P.—28 lb., 108. 2d.; 14 lb., 108. 8d.; 7 lb., 128. 5½d.; 4 lb., 138. 1½d.; smaller quantities, 138. 11d. Iodoform, B.P.—28 lb., 138. 4d.; 14 lb., 138. 10d.; 7 lb., 168. 0½d.; 4 lb., 168. 10½d.; smaller quantities, 178. 8d. Iodoform crystals.—28. pcf lb. above powder prices. IODINE RESUBLIMED, B.P.—112 lb., 10s. 8d.; 28 lb., 11s. 2d.; 14 lb., 11s. 8d.; 7 lb., 13s. 5 d.; 4lb., 14s. 1 d.; smaller quantities, 14s. 10d.

LACTATES .- Prices are as follows: LACTIC ACID.—Six-winchester lots, 3s. per lb.; smaller

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quantities, 3s. id. Calcium lactate.—Small quantities, 2s. 5d. per lb. Calcium sodium lactate.—Powder, small lots, 3s. 7d. per lb.; 14 lb., 3s. 4d.; 28 lb., 3s. 2d.; granular, one penny per lb. extra.

Liq. BISMUTH. ET AMMON. CIT., B.P.C.—Price has been advanced by 2d. per lb. in sympathy with the recent rise in bismuth metal. New rates per lb. for the home market are as follows:-

No. of containers	ı-lb. bottles	Corbyns	Winchester qts.		
1 or 2 2 to 5 6 to 11 12 to 35 36	s. d. 2 0 1 11 1 10 1 8½ 1 7	s. d. 1 11 1 10 1 9 1 7½ 1 6	s. d. 1 8 1 7 1 5½ 1 4 1 3½		

MAGNESIUM CARBONATE, HEAVY.-Home market prices per lb., in lots of 28 lb.-1 cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 18. 7d. (1-lb.); 18. 5½d. (4-lb.); 18. 4½d. (7-lb.); 18. 4d. (14-lb.); 18. 3d. (28-lb.). Prices net, one month.

MAGNESIUM CARBONATE, LIGHT.—Prices per lb. for the home market, in quantities of 28 lb.-I cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): is. 4d. (1-lb.); is. 2½d. (4-lb.); is. 1½d. (7-lb.);
is. id. (14-lb.); is. (28-lb.).

Magnesium trisilicate.—Prices per lb. current in the home market, in quantities of 28 lb.-I cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 9½d. (I-lb.); 3s. 8d. (4-lb.); 3s. 7d. (7-lb.); 3s. 6½d. (I4-lb.); 3s. 5½d. (28-lb.).

Mandelates.-Makers' quotations are unchanged. Sodium and Calcium.-4 oz., 8 oz., and I lb., 22s. per lb.; 4 lb., 20s. 3d.; 7 lb., 18s. 6d.; 14 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 16s. 9d.; 28 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 15s. per lb., net. Ammonium (50 per cent. solution).—4 oz., 8 oz., and I lb., IIs. 9d. per lb.; 4 lb., Ios. 9½d.; 7 lb., 9s. Iod.; 14 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 8s. II½d.; 28 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 7s. 11d. per lb., net. Packages are charged extra and should be returned promptly.

Mandelic acid.—In good demand. Current quotations are as follows: I lb., 22s. per lb.; 4 lb., 20s. 3d.; 7 lb., 18s. 6d.; 14 lb., 16s. 9d.;

METHYL SALICYLATE.—In good supply. Smalls are quoted at 2s. 6d. per lb.; winchesters at 2s. 1½d.; 56 lb., in demijohns, 2s.; 1 cwt., in demijohns or carboys, 1s. 112d.; 5 cwt., is. iid. All prices net.

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—Unchanged at the following prices: Less than 7 lb., 4s. 8d. per lb.; 7 lb., 4s. 7d.; 14 lb., 4s. 6d.; 28 lb., 4s. 5d.; I cwt., 4s. 4d.

Potassium permanganate.—Current rates are as follows: B.P. (in 1-cwt. drums), 1 cwt. and over, is. 8½d. per lb.; 3 cwt. and over, is. 8d. Technical (in i-cwt. drums), i cwt. and over, 166s. 3d. per cwt.; 3 cwt. and over, 161s. 9d.; 5 cwt. and over, 159s. 3d.; 1 ton and over, 156s. 9d.; 4 tons and over, 154s. 3d.

TECHNICAL (in 5-cwt. drums), 5 cwt. 2 over 156s. 9d. per cwt.; 1 ton and over, 1. 3d limits and over, 152s. Terms net, praid to nearest station containers paid to nearest station, containers e a a ber returnable.

MERCURY SALTS.—The following prices per lb. contained in the Control of the Contr

	7-28 lb.	28 lb 1 cwt.	C/	
Bichloride, powder Bichloride (industrial) Bichloride, lump Ammonium chloride, powd. Ammonium chloride, lump Chloride (mercurous) Oxide, red crystalline, B. P. Oxide, red levigated, B. P. Oxide, red technical Oxide, yellow levigated, B.P	s. d. 8 II 8 II 9 6 10 6 10 4 10 7 12 0 11 6 All q	s. d. 8 7 8 7 9 2 10 2 10 0 10 3 11 8	s. 8 8 9 10 9 10 11 11 es— pe	

5 cwt. and over: Bichloride lump, ammonium chloride powder, 9s. 6d.; ium chloride lump, 9s. 4d.; oxide red cry lling-ho B.P., 11s. 4d.

Pulv. BISMUTH. co., N.F.—Price h. beams advanced by 3d. per lb. following the reat many in bismuth metal. New rates per lb. home market are as follows:-

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the spot.

Export demand continues good, s. per lb. reported paid. Spot is 32s. 6d. per lb., duty paid.

Mr Nry.—Prices are controlled by the paid of Mercury (No. 11) Order, 1945 (S.R. 0. 145, No. 1129) (C. & D., October 13, 388).

1. West Indian 80's, 4s. 6d. per lb.; in assorted, 4s. 3d.; wormy and broken, p., ex. store.

Nux vomica.—Cochin, spot, 45s. per cwt.; shipment, 39s. 6d., c.i.f.; Mangalore, spot,

ORANGE PEEL.—Spanish quarters, in course of landing, 2s. 9d. per lb.

PAPAIN.—East African is rather dearer on spot at 18s. 6d. to 19s. per lb.

Pimento.—Sellers on spot at is. 3d. per lb.; shipment, 122s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f., buyers' licence.

QUILLAIA BARK.—Supplies are limited; prices are: natural, 110s. per cwt.; cut, 130s., ex warehouse.

Rhubarb.—Orders sent out for Shensi at 12s. 6d. per lb. brought back no replies. One lot of rough-round already arrived is reported to be of poor quality.

Sarsaparilla. — Native Jamaican, spot, 3s. 9d. per lb.

SEEDS.—Current prices are as follows: CORIANDER.—Spot, Indian, 1355. per cwt.; Morocco, 130s. Cumin.—Spot, Indian, 200s. DILL.—Spot, Indian, 85s. Fenugreek.—Spot, Indian, 80s. Fennel.—Spot, Indian, 175s.; Persian, 200s. Celery.—Spot, Indian, 175s.

TURMERIC.—Madras finger quoted at 95s. per cwt., ex store Liverpool. For export only, 85s.

WAXES .- The higher rates for CARNAUBA noted recently are maintained. Fatty grey, spot, sellers at 1,050s. per cwt.; chalky, 1,030s.; prime yellow, 1,200s.; shipment, fatty grey, 950s.; prime yellow, 1,075s. BEES'.—Quoted on the market as follows: I,075S. Dar-es-Salaam, spot, 320s. per cwt.; afloat and May-June shipment, 305s., c.i.f.; Benguela, spot in bond, 285s.; May-June shipment, 275s., c.i.f.; Abyssinian, May-June shipment, 280s., c.i.f. OURICURI.—Spot, nominal; to arrive, 620s. per cwt., c.i.f., 7 per cent. basis. Candelilla.—Spot, nominal; to arrive, May-June dispatch, 505s. per cwt., landed terms.

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CASTOR.—Official quotation for bulk supplies of "firsts" is £82 per ton, and that for "seconds," £80, both naked ex works.

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Coconut.—The following are the fixed prices for bulk quantities: Crude, £49 per ton; refined decolorised, £49; refined hardened deodorised, £53.

Cottonseed.—Official quotations are follows: Crude, £52 2s. 6d. per ton; washed, £55 5s.; refined edible, £57; refined deodorised, £58, naked ex works.

GROUNDNUT.-Bulk supplies are officially quoted as follows: Refined deodorised, hardened to 40°, £62 per ton; refined deodorised, hardened to 50°-52°, £63.

LINSEED.—Crude, £65 per ton for bulk supplies, naked ex works.

TRADE MARKS

(From " The Trade Marks Journal," April 24)

"ULMEAL"; for pharmaceutical farinaceous preparations (5). By Potter & Clarke, Ltd.,

60-64 Artillery Lane, London, E.I. B638,495. "Wimsol Keighley" round monogram "W L" (monogram disclaimed) on circular striped device; for disinfectant and antiseptic preparations (5). By Wimsol, Ltd., Atlas Mills, Grace Street, Keighley, Yorks. 638,910 (Associated).

"NETTIC"; for combs and cosmetic utensils (21). By N. L. T. Industries, Ltd., Woodfall Road, London, N.4. 636,449.

"Valuent"; for pharmaceutical substances
(5). By Chemi-Synthetics, Ltd., Cubitt
Town Wharf, Saundersness Road, London,

E.14. 638,927.

"Nu-Lan"; for soap boxes (21). By Newton, Lansdowne & Co., Ltd., Brook House, 2 Torrington Place, London, W.C.1. 637,760.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," May 1) "Personality"; for soap (3). By Personality Beauty Products, Ltd., Derby Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. B634,381 (Asso-

ciated). "STREP"; for degreasing preparations (3).
By The Solvents Research Co., Ltd., 102-04 Vauxhall Road, Liverpool, 3. 636,036.

"RAUCOURT"; for toilet preparations (non-medicated) perfumes and perfumed soap (3). By Societe D'Etudes et D'Expansion de la Parfumerie de Luxe, c/o Arthur W. Parfitt, Stafford House, Norfolk Street, London, W.C.2. B637,718. "BARKO"; for soap for animals (3). By P. F.

"BARRO"; Ior Soap for animais (3). By P. F.
McAuliffe, c/o McKenna & Co., 14 Waterloo
Place, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. 637,984.
"Bristow's Jeaunesse" ("Bristow's" disclaimed); for toilet soap (3). By T. F.
Bristow & Co., Ltd., Edgware Road, Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.9. B638,026
(Associated) (Associated).

"RADNAI"; for toilet articles (not medicated), cosmetic preparations, perfumery and soaps
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'Serutan'; for vegetable laxative preparations (5). By Serutan Co., c/o Stevens, Langner, Parry & Rollinson, 5–9 Quality Court, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.

636,239. "IBCO HOME TEAM" with device of house and circle; for pharmaceutical preparations and substances, sanitary substances, antiseptics, disinfectants, insecticides, weed-killers and vermin destroyers (5). By A. Ibbetson & Co, Ib-co Works, Great North Road, Stevenage, Herts. 637,409 (Associated).

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SIR,-Meetings of the Science Sessi of the British Pharmaceutical Conference vill the British Pharmaceutical Conference of the behald this year in London on Ju and 17. Authors who desire to so not papers for reading and discussion are to send their manuscripts without and, in any case, not later than Ju and, in any case, not later than Ju The papers submitted should related to original investigations in pharmace or sciences allied to pharmacy, and shot be forwarded to the Honorary General retaries at 17 Bloomsbury Square, Lo net arises at 17 Bloomsbury Square, Lo net arises at 17 Bloomsbury Square, Lo net arises at 18 Bloomsbury Square, L taries at 17 Bloomsbury Square, Loon W.C.1.—Yours faithfully,

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Monday, May 20

NATIONAL CHAMBER OF TRADE, the pa Scarborough, at 10.30 a.m. Annual me and opening of three-day conference. A 3 p.m. Presidential address by Sir V ter Womersley (a former Minister of Pensio

Wednesday, May 22

HERTFORD AND EAST HERTS BRANCH, NAT AL PHARMACEUTICAL UNION, Welcome after (opposite the station), Broxbourne, He 7.30 p.m. Inaugural meeting. Mr. Kemp (local organisations officer) on hational Health Service and Other Mat s."

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL CI ETY, Scarborough Hospital, at 7.30 m. Miss J. E. Rogers, M.P.S., penicillin (part 2).

INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS-OPTICIANS, 17 Bl 18bury Square, London, W.C.1, at 7.30 m. Mr. Clifford Hall on "The Prescribin and Fitting of Contact Lenses." Colour film

Thursday, May 23

SCOTTISH SECTION, SOCIETY OF PUBLIC A Lysrs, North British Station Hotel, inburgh, at 2.30 p.m. Papers to be recommended and disconnections. Tea and disconnections are supported by the state of the s

Friday, May 24

SOUTHAMPTON SECTION, CHEMICAL SOUTH University College, Southampton, at 5 m Professor W. Wardlaw on "Struza Inorganic Chemistry.'

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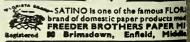
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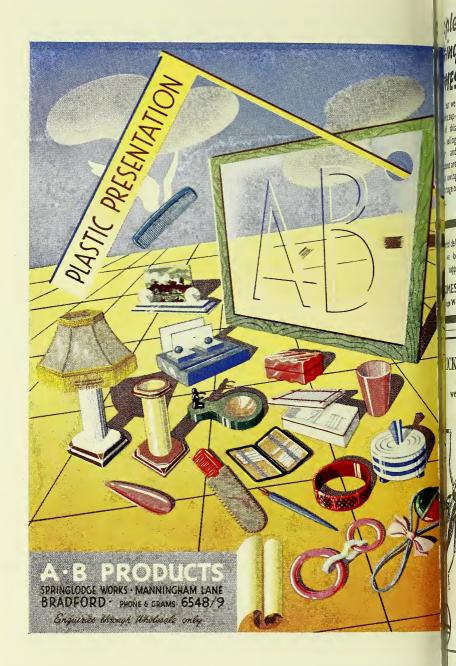
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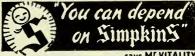
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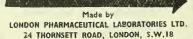
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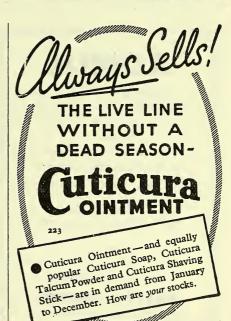
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